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Secretary of Agriculture

AN APPLICATION REQUESTING A CERTIFICATE OF PROTECTION FOR AN ALLEGED DISTINCT VARIETY OF SEXUALLY REPRODUCED, OR TUBER PROPAGATED, PLANT, THE NAME AND DESCRIPTION OF WHICH ARE CONTAINED IN THE APPLICATION AND EXHIBITS, A COPY OF WHICH IS HEREUNTO ANNEXED AND MADE A PART HEREOF, AND THE VARIOUS REQUIREMENTS OF LAW IN SUCH CASES MADE AND PROVIDED HAVE BEEN COMPLIED WITH, AND THE TITLE THERETO IS, FROM THE RECORDS OF THE PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION OFFICE, IN THE APPLICANT(S) INDICATED IN THE SAID COPY, AND WHEREAS, UPON DUE EXAMINATION MADE, THE SAID APPLICANT(S) IS (ARE) ADJUDGED TO BE ENTITLED TO A CERTIFICATE OF PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION UNDER THE LAW.

NOW, THEREFORE, THIS CERTIFICATE OF PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION IS TO GRANT UNTO THE SAID APPLICANT(S) AND THE SUCCESSORS, HEIRS OR ASSIGNS OF THE SAID APPLICANT(S) FOR THE TERM OF TWENTY YEARS FROM THE DATE OF THIS GRANT, SUBJECT TO THE PAYMENT OF THE REQUIRED FEES AND PERIODIC REPLENISHMENT OF VIABLE BASIC SEED OF THE VARIETY IN A PUBLIC REPOSITORY AS PROVIDED BY LAW, THE TO EXCLUDE OTHERS FROM SELLING THE VARIETY, OR OFFERING IT FOR SALE, OR REPRODUCING IT, OR ORTING IT, OR EXPORTING IT, OR CONDITIONING IT FOR PROPAGATION, OR STOCKING IT FOR ANY OF THE ABOVE OSES, OR USING IT IN PRODUCING A HYBRID OR DIFFERENT VARIETY THEREFROM, TO THE EXTENT PROVIDED PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION ACT. IN THE UNITED STATES SEED OF THIS VARIETY (1) SHALL

BY VARIETY NAME ONLY AS A CLASS OF CERTIFIED SEED AND (2) SHALL CONFORM TO THE NUMBER OF IS SPECIFIED BY THE OWNER OF THE RIGHTS. (84 STAT, 1542, AS AMENDED, 7 U.S.C. 2321 ET SEQ.)

WHEAT, COMMON

'Marion'

In Gestimon Micros, I have hereunto sel my hand and caused the seal of the Mant Mariety Westertion Office to be affixed at the City of Washington, D.C. this thirtieth day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand

nine hundred and ninety-nine.

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SCIENCE DIVISION - PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION OFFIC	CE	1974 (5 O.S.C. 352a)	
		Application is required in order to determine if a	a plant variety protection
APPLICATION FOR PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION CER	RTIFICATE	certificate is to be issued (7 U.S.C. 2421) Inform	nation is held confidential
(Instructions and information collection burden statement on revers	se)	until certificate is issued (7 U.S.C. 2426).	
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HybriTech Seed International, a unit of Monsanto Co.		D93*7163	Marion
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SOFT RED WINTER WHEAT			1: 2130118
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16. CHECK APPROPRIATE BOX FOR EACH ATTACHMENT SUBMITTED (follow inst	tructions on reverse	770-332-3121	3.3 332 333
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b. X Exhibit B. Statement of Distinctness			
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17. DOES THE APPLICANT SPECIFY THAT SEED OF THIS VARIETY BE SOLD BY	VARIETY NAME O		tion 85(a) of the Plant Variety Protection Act)
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20. HAS THE VARIETY OR A HYBRID PRODUCED FROM THE VARIETY BEEN RE			OR OTHER COUNTRIES?
YES (iF "YES", give names of countries and dates)	<u> X</u>	NO	
21. The applicant(s) declare that a viable sample of basic seed of the variety will be furnished	d with the application	and will be replenished upon request in accordance w	ith such regulations as may be
applicable, or for a tuber propagated variety a tissue culture will be deposited in a public			
The undersigned applicant(s) is(are) the owner(s) of this sexually reproduced or tuber plan	nt variety, and believe	e(s) that the variety is new, distinct, uniform, and stable	e as required in
Section 41, and is entitled to protection under the provisions of Section 42 of the Plant Va	ariety Protection Act.	•	
Applicant(s) is(are) informed that false representation herein can jeopardize protection an	d result in penalties.		
SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT (Owner(s))		SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT (Owner)	(s))
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Exhibit A. Origin and Breeding History of Marion

Marion was derived from the cross VA82-52-64/SW85-5009 (VA82-52-64 was an experimental inbred from VPI that was an entry in the 1986 USDA Uniform Southern Soft Wheat Nursery; entry #27. SW85-5009 was an experimental inbred developed by Nickerson American Plant Breeders and selected from the cross: 803-4(Era/Tobari//Lovrin11)/Southern Belle//Amigo/803-4.

The single cross that produced Marion was made in the 1987 spring greenhouse at Brookston, IN. The F1 seeds were grown in the greenhouse at Brookston, IN in winter of 1987-88. These F1 seeds were grown in cups, vernalized in the greenhouse, hardened outside near the greenhouse for about 5 days and transplanted to the field in early April 1988. Seeds harvested from these F1 hillplots were grown in a 1988-89 F2 bulk plot near Haynes, AR. A portion of the harvested F2 bulk plot was space-planted in a 1989-90 F3 bulk plot near Crawfordsville, AR. A portion of the harvested F3 bulk plot was thin-seeded in a 1990-91 F4 bulk plot near Jonesboro, AR. Seventy-six heads were selected from this F4 bulk population and grown as F5 Pre-Y1 (head-rows) in a field near Jonesboro, AR in 1992. The selection that became Marion was selected for disease resistance, short height, and excellent agronomics. This (F6) seed was grown in Y1 (observation) plots near Jonesboro, AR and Cleveland, MS in 1992. D93*7163 has been in advanced testing from 1994 to the present and is being tested as AP-D93*7163 in the 1998 Uniform Southern Soft Wheat Nursery.

In 1996, four hundred forty-eight purification headrows were grown at Berthoud, Colorado. Four hundred thirty-six rows with uniform appearance were harvested and planted in 1997 as a 3.5 acre Breeders Seed increase near Berthoud, CO.

Marion has been uniform and stable since 1996. About 0.8% of the plants were rogued from the initial Breeder's Seed increase in 1996. Approximately 80% of the rogued variant plants were taller height wheat plants (5 to 15 cm.), 2% were bronze chaff color at maturity, 3% were awnletted wheat plants and 5% were later maturity wheat plants. Up to 1.0% variant plants may be encountered in subsequent generations.

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Exhibit B. Statement of Distinctness

Marion is most similar to the soft red winter wheat 'Pioneer 2548'. However, it can be easily distinguished by the following morphological characteristics:

- Marion expresses a red coleoptile color (Berthoud, CO 1996, 1997). Pioneer 2548 expresses white coleoptile color (Berthoud, CO 1996, 1997 and Crop Science Registration 31:850-851, 1991).
- Marion has a strap head shape at maturity (Berthoud, CO 1996, 1997). Pioneer 2548 has a tapering head shape at maturity (Berthoud, CO 1996, 1997 and Crop Science Registration 31:850-851, 1991).
- Marion has a twisted flag leaf at boot stage (Berthoud, CO 1996, 1997).
 Pioneer 2548 does not express flag leaf twist at boot stage (Berthoud, CO 1996, 1997 and Crop Science Registration 31:850-851, 1991).

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EXHIBIT C (Wheat)

OBJECTIVE DESCRIPTION OF VARIETY

WHEAT (Triticum Spp.)

NAME OF APPLICANT(S)	FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY
HybriTech Seed International, a unit of Monsanto Co.	PVPO NUMBER 9800263
ADDRESS (Street and No. or R.F.D. No., City, State, and Zip Coa 5912 N. Meridian Street Wichita, Kansas 67204-1699	NAME OR EXPERIMENTAL DESIGNATION Marion
Place the appropriate number that describes the varietal character of this variety Place a zero in the first box when number is either 99 or less or 9 or less respect minimum of 100 plants. Comparative data should be determined from varietie standard may be used to determine plant colors; designate system used. Please answer all questions for your variety; lack of response may delay progre	tively. Data for quantitative plant characters should be based on a sentered in the same trial. Royal Horticultural Society or any recognized
1. KIND:	
1 1=Common 2=Durum 3=Club 4=Other	(specify)
2. VERNALIZATION:	
2 1=Spring 2=Winter 3=Other (specify)	·
3. COLEOPTILE ANTHOCYANIN:	
2 I=Absent 2=Present	
4. JUVENILE PLANT GROWTH:	
2 1=Prostrate 2=Semi-erect 3=Erect	
5. PLANT COLOR (boot stage):	
1 = Yellow-Green 2 = Green 3 = Blue-Green	
6. FLAG LEAF (boot stage):	
2 1 = Erect 2 = Recurved	
1 = Not Twisted 2 = Twisted	0:63.52
7. EAR EMERGENCE:	
0 0 Number of Days Earlier Than	
3 5 Number of Days Later Than	Coker 9835 *
8. ANTHER COLOR:	
1 = YELLOW 2 = PURPLE	
9. PLANT HEIGHT (from soil to top of head, excluding awns):	
0 0 cm Taller Than	*
0 3 cm Shorter Than	Pioneer 2684 *

^{*} Relative to a PVPO-Apprved Commercial Variety Grown in the Same Trial

3 = Width Nearly as Wide as Kernel

		D: (continued) COLOR			
3		1 = White $2 = $ Amber $3 = $ Red	4 = Oth	er (<i>specify</i>)
:	F. 1	EXTURE			
2		l=Hard 2=Soft			
1	G. I	PHENOL REACTION (see instructions):			
0		1 = Ivory $2 = Fawn$ $3 = Light Brown$	wn 4	= Dark B	rown 5 = Black
		ASE: (0=Not Tested; 1=Susceptible; DICATE THE SPECIFIC RACE OR STRAIN TESTE	2=Resi	stant; 3	=Intermediate; 4=Tolerant)
4		Stem Rust (Puccinia graminis f. sp. tritici) Field Races	حصيصنجيم	4	Leaf Rust (Puccinia recondita f. sp. tritici) Field Races
4		Stripe Rust (Puccinia striiformis) Field Races		0	Loose Smut (Ustilago tritici)
0		Tan Spot (Pyrenophora tritici-repentis)		0	Flag Smut (Urocystis agropyri)
0	٠	Halo Spot (Selenophoma donacis)		0	Common Bunt (Tilletia tritici or T. laevis)
0		Septoria nodorum (Glume Blotch)		0	Dwarf Bunt (Tilletia controversa)
0	٠	Septoria avenae (Speckled Leaf Disease)		0	Karnal Bunt (Tilletia indica)
0		Septoria tritici (Speckled Leaf Blotch)	n _{eris} sortegis	4	Powdery Mildew (Erysiphe graminis f. sp. tritici)
0		Scab (Fusarium spp.)	٠,	0	Snow Molds
0		Black Point (Kernel Smudge)		0	Common Root Rot (Fusarium, Cochliobolus and Bipolaris spp.)
0		Barley Yellow Dwarf Virus (BYDV)		0	Rhizoctonia Root Rot (Rhizoctonia solani)
0		Soilborne Mosaic Virus (SBMV)	W EG.	0	Black Chaff (Xanthomonas campestris pv. translucens)
0		Wheat Yellow (Spindle Streak) Mosaic Virus	-V050	0	Bacterial Leaf Blight (Pseudomonas syringae pv. syringae)
0		Wheat Streak Mosaic Virus (WSMV)	and it is		Other (specify)
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Other (specify)

16.	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON ANY ITEM ABOVE, OR GENERAL COMMENTS:

Greenbug (Schizaphis graminum)

Aphids

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Exhibit D. Additional Description of Marion

Marion is a strong strawed, short statured wheat with medium to medium-full season maturity. Marion offers good resistance to the most prevalent races of Leaf rust and Powdery mildew in this region. Milling and baking characteristics are good.

Juvenile growth habit is semierect. Seedling anthocyanin is present. Plant color at boot stage is blue green. Auricle anthocyanin and auricle hairs are present. Flag leaf at boot stage is recurved and twisted. Waxy bloom is present on the head, stem and flag leaf sheath. Anther color is yellow. Head shape is strap and awned. Glumes are glabrous, medium in width and long in length with oblique shoulders and acuminate beaks. Seed shape is ovate. Brush hairs are medium in size. Seed crease depth is shallow and width is narrow. Seed cheeks are rounded.

Marion is well adapted to the coastal plain regions of the Carolinas, the northern halves of Georgia, Alabama, and Mississippi, and all of western Tennessee and Arkansas.

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Agripro D93*7163 Milling and Baking Quality

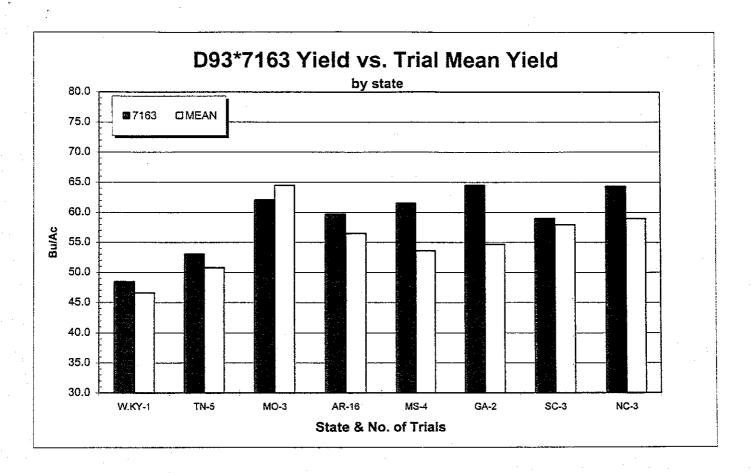
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YR	or LINE	LOC-CODE	%	%	R	%	Wt.	*MV ₁₅₀₀₀	R	%	R	mm	R	R	HARDNESS
94	D93*7163	UA-71419	9.2	43.0	3	69.1	59.1	\$11,182	5	8.0	2	17.5	7	5	01
94	D93*7163	SM-71419	9.6	39.1	6	69.3	61.2	\$11,726	4	8.4	2	17.9	8	5	06
95	D93*7163	MA-96221	9.8	36.6	6	62.8	59.0	\$6,702	9	7.9	5	17.0	8	5	01
95	D93*7163	MK-96221	13.6	36.7	4	65.7	58.0	\$8,607	4	12.1	1	16.8	9	4	16
96	D93*7163	UA-96214	8.8	42.5	3	65.6	57.8	\$8,508	4	7.2	4	17.1	6,	4	03
	AVERAGE		10.2	39.6	4	66.5	59.0	\$9,345	5	8.7	3	17.3	8	5	05
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94	MALLARD	UA-71401	8.8	45.0	2	72.1	56.3	\$12,679	2	7.6	3	18.3	1	6	11
94	MALLARD	SM-71401	8.6	44.2	2	71.4	. 58.1	\$12,596	2	8.0	3	18.8	1	7	13
95	MALLARD	MA-96201	8.8	42.0	2	70.5	55.0	\$11,330	2	8.8	3	17.9	1	4	80
95	MALLARD	MK-96201	12.5	39.0	2	67.8	54.0	\$9,374	2	11.4	3	18.0	1.	4	16
96	MALLARD	UA-96201	8.8	43.8	2	67.6	55.6	\$9,519	2	7.5	3	17.8	1	. 4	12
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*MV₁₅₀₀₀ = The Milling Value of 15000 cubic feet of grain if the flour is worth \$10.00 per cwt and the grain costs \$3.50 per 60 pound unit (without any TW discount).

Note: For MV calculation purposes, 5% is added to total flour yields to approximate commercial mill values.

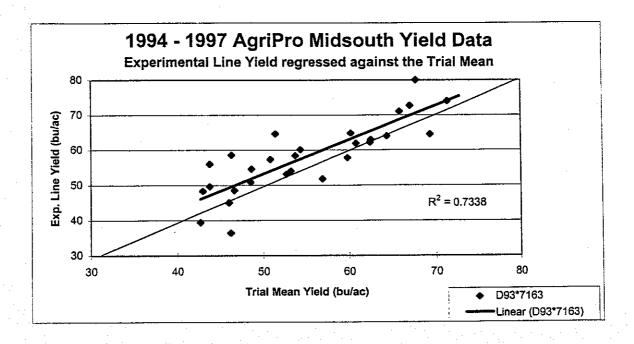
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Supportive Information for D93*7163 Wheat

1994 - 1997 Midsouth Adapted Area Yield Trials (Agripro) Agronomic and Pathologic Data

	50%			Test		Winter	Leaf	Stem	Bacterial
	Heading	Maturity	Height	Weight	Lodging	Kill	Rust	Rust	Stripe
	(day of year)	(day of year)	(cm.)	(lb/bu)	(1-9)	(1-9)	(1-9)	(1-9)	(1-9)
D93*7163	112.1	149.3	83	58.7	2.0	3.8	2.0	2.0	2.0
Pioneer 2684	104.4	146.8	86	59.2	2.5	4.3	5.6	7.0	7.0
Hickory	108.9	145.8	95	57.8	5.5	4.0	6.0	3.0	3.0
Mallard	113.5	150.3	89	56.1	2.3	2.2	3.3	5.0	3.0
Wakefield	115.6	149.8	98	56.9	3.0	4.1	7.3	6.0	5.0
Clemens	117.5	152.8	102	57.7	3.5	2.2	4.0	2.0	3.0
# Locations	2-6	2	6-12	4-11	1-3	3	6	1	1
# Years	2-4	2	2-4	2-4	2-3	1	2	1.	1

1995 - 1997 Southeastern Adapted Area Yield Trials (Agripro) Agronomic and Pathologic Data

	50%		Test		Winter	Leaf	Powdery
	Heading	Height	Weight	Lodging	Kill	Rust	Mildew
	(day of year)	(cm.)	(lb/bu)	(1-9)	(1-9)	(1- 9)	(1-9)
D93*7163	108.9	86	58.3	1.0	4.0	2.0	1.7
Pioneer 2684	100.9	89	58.0	1.0	4.0	2.8	2.2
Coker 9835	105.4	84	55.5	1.9	5.0	3.8	4.3
Jackson	108.8	94	56.4	1.5	3.0	6.0	1.8
# Locations	7	7	6	4	1	3	6
# Years	2	2	2	2	1,	2	2

Note: Extremes for the 1-9 Ratings in these tables are as follows:

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Lodging	V.Strong Straw	V.Weak Straw			and the second
Winter Kill	All Leaves Green	All Leaves Dead	MAY	50	93:26
Diseases	Very Resistant	Susceptible			* * *

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HybriTech U.S., a unit of Monsanto Company	D93*7163	'Marion'
4. ADDRESS (Street and No., or R.F.D. No., City, State, and ZIP, and Country)	5. TELEPHONE (include area code)	6. FAX (include area code)
5912 N. Meridan Street	316-755-1250	316-755-0072
Wichita, Kansas 67204-1699	7. PVPO NUMBER	
	980026	3
8. Does the applicant own all rights to the variety? Mark an "X" in appropria	riate block. If no, please explain.	YES NO
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9. Is the applicant (individual or company) a U.S. national or U.S. based c	ompany?	X YES NO
If no, give name of country		
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Exhibit E. Statement of the Basis of Applicant's Ownership

The variety for which Plant Variety Protection is hereby sought was developed by J. Barton Fogleman, an employee of Agripro Seeds, Inc. By agreement between employees and Agripro Seeds, Inc., all rights to any invention, discovery, or development made by the employee while employed by Agripro Seeds, Inc., were assigned to Agripro Seeds, Inc., with no rights of any kind pertaining to 'Marion' being retained by the employees.

By contractual agreement the variety 'Marion' was purchased from Agripro Seeds, Inc. in June of 1996 and is currently owned by HybriTech Seed International, Inc.

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